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Fatima Seymore, military spouse, donates money to help victims of the Dec. 26 Tsunami Disaster in Southwest Asia. Javier Hernandez (back left), Allyssia Hodge and other children of Incirlik's youth center helped raise money as part of the "kid-to-kid tsunami relief fundraiser." Donations were matched by the Boys and Girls Club of America. See related article, Page 4. (Photo by Airman Dawn Duman)

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Force Protection

This week an explosive device was found in a local bar by Turkish authorities. We are following the investigation closely and taking the needed precautions to keep everyone safe.

Remember when you are out in the local area to be alert to surroundings, if something does not feel or look right trust your instincts, leave and report it by calling 6-3200.

In case of emergency off base dial 112 for an ambulance, 154 for traffic police and 155 for police emergencies.

CSIP

Combat Education encourages people to learn each and every day. Many Air Force members focus on the Air Force mission and put off the education goals they set before they joined. Continuing a formal education can further your career and Combat Education can help. The education office has class listings for online and traditional classes. As little as an hour a week can assist you in getting your Community College of the Air Force degree or any other degree you are shooting for. For more information call the education office at 6-3211.

USAFE awards

The 39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs Office garnered seven U.S. Air Forces in Europe Public Affairs media contest awards, which included:

Second place for Magazine Format Publi-

cation (*Tip of the Sword*), news story (Staff Sgt. Elaine Aviles), stand-alone photo (Senior Airman Stephanie Hammer), Outstanding New Writer (1st Lt. Elizabeth Culbertson) and Print Journalist of the Year (Sergeant Aviles);

Third place for feature story (Staff Sgt. Shanda De Anda); and

First place for contractor/stringer writer (Master Sgt. **Trae King**, 39th Mission Support Squadron chief of customer service).

Promotions

Congratulations to the February promotees:

Promoted to captain: **Damika Evans**, 39th Medical Squadron

Promoted to 1st lieutenant: **Jason Roberson**, 39th Operations Squadron

Promoted to master sergeant: **Tywanna Frazier**, 39th Air Base Wing

Promoted to technical sergeant: **Tammy Kissel**, 39th Logistics readiness Squadron; **Marielle Kyle**, 39th MDS; **Tameisha Smith**, 39th LRS

Promoted to staff sergeant: Alisha Ardis, 39th MDS; Brian Bowles, 39th Communications Squadron; Shante Griggs, 728th Air Mobility Squadron; Chad Holland, 728th AMS; Demone Kyser, 39th Maintenance Squadron

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Promoted to airman 1st class: **Kenneth Case**, 39th CS; **Brian**, **Graef**, 39th CS; **Keesha Green**, 39th CS; **Jennifer Van Cleave**, 39th LRS; **Johnny Ware**, 39th LRS; **Terence Wilson**, 39th LRS

Promoted to airman: **Jessica Harvey**, 39th Mission Support Squadron; **Ryan Santini**, 39th MXS



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Making lemonade from lemons

By Lt. Col. Kevin Leek 39th Operations Squadron

Each day is a golden opportunity to make good things happen. Some days you can actually make a difference, other days you may feel like you are spinning your wheels and, finally, there are days where you take a step or two backward. I will not discuss the first two categories because if that is all that is happening, you should consider yourself lucky. I want to concentrate on how to accept responsibility and learn from mistakes.

When things go wrong it can often be traced back to poor planning or execution. The real mistake lies in not learning from the errors that are made. Real achievement comes from striving to not make the same error twice.

I know of no one who is error free. We all make mistakes. I make my fair share each day. I only hope that I make a new mistake each time and learn from good and bad outcomes; just like I hope my troops learn from their good and bad decisions. It is not a one mistake Air Force and the leaders I have worked for have only reinforced that mentality.

I have attempted to instill in my troops the character to come forward when something goes wrong and take full responsibility. It does my heart good when a troop comes forward and says "it is all my fault, I take full responsibility and it will not happen again." Too often someone will say "it is not my fault," "the other person started it," "it really was not my responsibility," "the police officer is not telling the truth" or "it is not fair." If you did wrong, fess up, don't lie, pay the piper and get on with changing your life — Integrity First. What really matters, in my book, is how you pick yourself up after you've been knocked down. That is the real measure of a person.

Many times after failing at something, people will get down on themselves and tell you life is not fair. They are absolutely correct. It is not fair, so get over it and move on. When I think of fairness, I think back to the summer of 1970, when a buddy of mine on my little league team went to the local swimming hole while some of us went to the base pool. He drowned that afternoon and never showed up for baseball practice. At that time, Johnny Rostad was the only person I had ever known who had died.

Later, I would tell my mom, "It's not fair that Johnny died." My mom's response, "Life's not fair. The sooner you learn that,

the easier it will be to accept life's hardships."

Years later it was driven home to me once again during Desert Storm. Steve Phyllis, one of my groomsmen, was killed one afternoon in his A-10 while providing air cover for his downed wingman. That morning, the last time I saw Steve alive, he was sitting on our makeshift wood furniture, playing a video game in shorts, a white t-shirt, a desert combat uniform hat and shades. Again, I asked myself about the fairness of life. Bottom line, it is not fair and never will be. That's life. Like Colin Powell said, "Get mad, get over it and move on."

So what do you do when you have been dealt a crappy hand, made a mistake, your project did not turn out perfect or the boss has you in the dog house? When I am down, I think about the words I read at every meal while attending officer training school:

"It is not the critic, who counts, or how the strong man stumbled and fell, or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes short again and again, who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotion and spends himself in a worthy cause; and if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly; so that he'll never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat" - Theodore Roosevelt

Get up, dust yourself off, and analyze what went wrong. Ask a supervisor what he or she would have done differently. Buckle down; get smarter in your career field. Go to your boss, ask for honest feedback and do not be afraid of their response. Accept it, use it as constructive criticism, then get ready for the next task, it is waiting just around the

And if you are looking for inspiration from someone who has been through it, here are other quotes to live by:

"Luck is the residue of hard work" — Me "I've missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times I've been trusted to take the game winning shot ... and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. That is why I succeed!" - Michael Jordan

"It's not whether you get knocked down, it's how you get up." - Vince Lombardi

"I can't accept not trying." - Michael Jordan

Your Turn

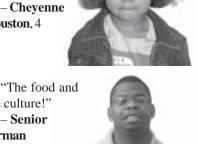
What do you like most about being in Turkey and why?



Sgt. Dan Albrecht, 39th Civil Engineer Squad-

"I like the beach and the nice people."

- Chevenne Houston, 4



the culture!" - Senior Airman Brian Bridges, 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron

"It is warm and the weather is nice. It is fun and I have lots of friends here." - Victoria

Nalbant, 9, Incirlik Elementary School



history this place has to offer." - Airman 1st Class Richie Witmer, 39th Communications Squadron

To submit a question for "Your Turn," call 6-6060 or e-mail tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil

(Right) Tech. Sgt. Jeffery Thomas, 39th Air Base Wing protocol NCO in charge, donates money to help the victims during the Dec. 26 Tsunami Disaster in Southwest Asia, sponsored entirely by Incirlik youth. The children of Incirlik's youth center helped raise money as part of the "kid-to-kid tsunami relief fundraiser". (Far right) Zanteha Jones and Taylor Carter (right) smile gratefully as they put a hundred dollar donation into a water bottle in the hopes of helping tsunami victims.





Money in a bottle: Incirlik children collect money for Tsunami child victims

By 1st Lt. S.J.B. Bryant 39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

The cliché, "message in a bottle," took on a new meaning Friday as 51 children collected then sent \$1,300, donated by Incirlik people who shoved the money into water bottles, to children affected by Asia's Dec. 26 tsunami.

Children, staff members and parents of the base youth programs spent three hours outside the base exchange and Official Document Center collecting the money which will be matched by the Boys and Girls Club of America.

"How sad it must be to be covered with a wave and not be able to breathe," said 5-year-old Alyssa Keen, daughter of Staff Sgt. Patricia Keen. "We have to help them."

"I was shocked that a 5-year-old took notice of a tragic event like that," said Sergeant Keen, 39th Air Base Wing Manpower technician. "It is because they remember so much about events like these that they

should get involved ... because they care and understand about things more than we think."

The project began after Wiyada Lee, youth center director, received an e-mail from the BGCA asking youth programs around the world to help raise money for the youngest victims of the natural disaster.

"For many children, the word tsunami was new," said Ms. Lee who organized the collection in less than a week. "With this project, the children not only learned about the tsunami and the devastation it caused, they were able, in a small way, to help children just like them who had been affected by the tragedy."

"We want to give the opportunity for young children to be involved with the community and this was a great way to do that," said Sergeant Keen, who volunteered to supervise the event. "If they get involved now, we hope they will stay involved with other community activities for years to come and feel the rewards of giving back. It can be a lifetime value if children can experience the rewards of giving to those in need. That is a powerful message that children should learn as early as possible."

Up to the challenge

Chief Master Sgt. Gary Coleman, U.S. Air Forces in Europe command chief master sergeant, knocks out some push-ups, kicking off the Berlin to Baghdad Push-Up Challenge. The challenge, sponsored by the Chief's Groups across the command, is a competition for individual and three-person teams to see who can "gut" out the most pushups within 10 minutes. Collectively, the HQ USAFE Team, consisting of Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, USAFE commander; Lt. Gen. Arthur Lichte, USAFE vice commander; and Chief Coleman, knocked out 339 pushups. All proceeds go to benefit the Air Force Enlisted Heritage Hall. For more information about the challenge contact the 39th Air Base Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant, Chief Master Sgt. Raymond Allen III, at 6-6400.



Photo by Master Sgt. Mona Ferrell

Incirlik tax center to open Monday for 1040EZ

By Staff Sgt. Shanda De Anda 39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

The 39th Air Base Wing tax center opens Monday for 1040EZ forms only, with the first appointments to all other filers becoming available Feb. 14.

Monday through Feb. 11 the tax center is open to process 1040EZ forms "aiming to help junior Airmen, single NCOs and some junior officers process their taxes, said Capt. John Harwood, tax center officer in charge. "Although the first available appointment is Feb. 14, appointment books are open now."

The tax center, located in Building 869 next to the auto skills center, opens Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Returns are prepared on an appointment only basis after Feb. 11. To schedule an appointment, call the tax center at 6-2040.

"Wednesdays are geared toward better accommodating shift-workers and people with alternate duty schedules.

"Clients do not have to wait for an appointment at the tax center to have their taxes done," said Staff Sgt. Brian May, 39th ABW tax center NCO in charge.

"This year the tax software will be available in each unit. People can setup a time to have their taxes prepared with their unit tax assistant." To find out who your unit tax assistant is, call 6-2040.

While tax preparation can take anywhere from 30 to 45 minutes to complete, having all of the required documents (see info box) on hand will help expedite the process. To help with this, W-2s for reservists, guardsmen, military retirees, Department of Defense civilians and active-duty members are now available through the MyPay Web site at https:mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx.

In most cases, federal tax returns can be filed electronically free of charge.

"Electronic filing allows members faster returns," said Sergeant May. "However, people with who meet the income requirements to receive a child care tax credit and have Turkish nannies and people filing state taxes will have to do paper returns."

For more tax information, to download state forms, ask questions or check tax return status, visit the Internal Revenue Service Web site at www.irs.gov. The center can also use volunteers to assist with filing, answering phones and other administrative duties. To volunteer, call 6-2040.

"Although there were challenges, like the logistics, manning coordination and communications considerations for setting up the tax center; training and certifying the 45 volunteer tax advisers; and setting up software, in the end it really is all worth it to be able to provide this service to the Incirlik community," said Sergeant May.

"I believe clients receive peace of mind

Recommended documents and information

People should bring the following documents an information when having taxes prepared:

- Costs of child care or child-care provider
- ◆ Wage and Earning Statements (W-2, W-2G, 1099-R)
- ◆ Unemployment Compensation (1099G)
- ◆ Bank Interest Statements (Form 1099-Int)
- Department of Defense identification
- Employer Identification Number
- Social Security card for taxpayer, spouse and dependents
- Department of Defense identification
- Power of Attorney (married filing jointly) or IRS Form 2848
- A copy of 2003 federal and state returns (if available)
- Birthdates for taxpayer, spouse and dependents
- other relevant tax documentation
- Voided check (if expecting a return)

knowing tax representatives are available to assist them."

Thrifty sorter

Christine Baker, thrift store volunteer, sorts clothing at the Incirlik thrift store. The thrift shop, in Building 999, is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the first Saturdays of every month. The shop also needs volunteers. For more information, call the thrift shop during business hours at 6-6247.



Photo by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards

Taxi fare increase hits Incirlik, Adana

By Mehmet Birbiri

39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Taxi fares, including Gate Taxi, increased Jan. 24 in Adana.

According to the new adjustment, taxi meters start at 1 million Turkish Lira, instead of 750,000 TL. The meter will add 150,000 TL instead of 100,000 TL for every 100 meters.

The night rate between midnight and 6 a.m. is 50 percent more than the regular rate. The night rate starts at $1,500,000\,\text{TL}$ and adds $225,000\,\text{TL}$ for every 100 meters. If the taxi waits more than five minutes, the meter will add $150,000\,\text{TL}$ per minute after five minutes.

Taxis at airports and train stations charge the night rate all day.

Contact Gate Taxi management immediately at 6-6461 for any problems or complaints about the Gate Taxi, service or drivers. They ask people to get the taxi number or license plate number of the taxi and the time and place regarding complaints.

Taxi rates are adjusted separately by local administration in every city.

USAFE leaders: Your AEF needs you

By Maj. Gen. Bob DuLaney

U.S. Air Forces in Europe Director of Air and Space Operations

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS) — More than 7,500 U.S. Air Forces in Europe warriors have deployed this year in support of combat operations around the world. Our battle rhythm has been demanding and will continue for the foreseeable future.

For the past six years, our Air Force has used the Air Expeditionary Force construct to meet the air and space power needs of our nation, tweaking the AEF as necessary to improve it and adapt it to meet emerging challenges. One of those adjustments has been to expand the pool of AEF-eligible Airmen.

The Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. John Jumper, said it best.

"Let me be perfectly clear – in our Air Force, every Airman is expeditionary, every Airman will know his/her place in the AEF system, and every Airman will be prepared to support the Combatant

Commander, whether deployed, in CONUS via reachback, or employed at home station. If you are wearing the uniform of the United States Air Force, you are part of the AEF."

That seems pretty clear to me. Note the lack of any escape clauses such as, "unless you're really important," or "unless you're an

O-6." Our nation is at war and our Combatant Commanders

need you, regardless of rank or position, and they need you to be ready to fight



Photo by Staff Sgt. Shanda De Anda

Tech. Sgt. Kevin Raymond, 39th Comptroller Flight budget analysis, is one of the many Incirlik patrons of the on-base taxis who will be affected by the taxi-rate increases.

when you reach their theater.

The AEF process was designed with predictability in mind. By placing you in an AEF bucket, you can enjoy some measure of stability by knowing when you can expect to deploy. This affords you, your family, your co-workers and your supervisor an opportunity to plan for your absence. Use this valuable lead time to get your personal life in order including finances, wills and childcare plans.

It's also imperative to get your professional life in order. Update or create your continuity books so those left behind can cover your duties and ensure continued mission success for your unit. Take a look at your professional military education and promotion timelines and make appropriate plans. Do you need to take care of any performance reports or feedback sessions?

Institutionally, we're getting pretty good at making sure our Airmen are getting their personal lives in order, but we also need to make sure we're taking care of the unit when our men and women proceed down range.

Supervisors and leaders, your involvement is critical to our success. You also need to plan for your troops' rotations. Find a replacement or plan on redistributing duties to other members of your team. Will there be some degradation and turmoil? Probably, but what everyone needs to understand is we are all in this together — we are at war. As an Air Force, we must support our Combatant Commanders.

Don't try to "protect" your key players from the AEF. If they're really that good, then our Combatant Commanders need them more than you do! Almost all of us train during peacetime to perform a wartime mission; you owe it to the American taxpayers to put their warriors into the fight.

As an added bonus, a key player's absence provides opportunities for those left behind as they step up to fill in or learn a new duty. It truly can be a win-win for our Air Force.

We will continue to prosecute the Global War on Terrorism for the foreseeable future. Our AEF concept has proven very effective over the last several years at putting air and space power where we need it, when we need it. Your role is to be ready, personally and professionally, to take the fight to our nation's enemies. If you're in a leadership position, make sure your team is ready to fight or carry on the home station mission when individuals from your team deploy. No matter who you are, if you're wearing Air Force blue, your AEF needs you.

AEF

Incirlik MDS recognized for service

The 39th Medical Squadron was recognized at last week's TRICARE conference by Dr. William Winkenwerder, assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.

"We can be proud of our award winners and their accomplishments," said Mr. Winkenwerder. "It is their hard work and endless efforts that help the Department of Defense fulfill its dual obligations of ensuring force health protection and medical readiness for deployed forces, while providing daily health care to beneficiaries at home."

The awards recognize customer service excellence provided to uniformed service members, retirees, their families and all other beneficiaries in 2004.

The five awards presented by Dr. Winkenwerder recognize the: 39th Medical Squadron, Incirlik, Turkey, for facilities located outside the continental United States; 74th Medical Group, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, for medical centers located in the continental United States; 89th Medical Group, Andrews AFB, Md., for medium-sized hospitals; Branch Medical Clinic, Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif., for small hospitals and free-standing clinics; and U.S. Naval Hospital LeMoore, Calif., for obstetrical care. (*Courtesy 39th Medical Squadron*)

Wolfowitz salutes military health-care

By Gerry Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz praised the worldwide efforts of military doctors, nurses, medics and other care providers Jan. 26, saying they are "maintaining the health and the effectiveness of America's defenders."

President Bush, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and the entire Defense Department "deeply appreciate the fantastic job that you're doing," Mr. Wolfowitz said at the annual TRICARE conference in D.C.

And, in time of war, he said, military healthcare providers help "to ensure the security and freedom of the American people."

Mr. Wolfowitz said that military medics have demanding jobs and are often deployed to dangerous environments to treat wounded troops.

Stateside-based military medical people also labor to guard the health of the families of deployed servicemembers.

Selfless service performed by armed services medical people "contributes to the morale and effectiveness of our (servicemembers)," he said.

"Thanks to you," Mr. Wolfowitz told conference attendees, "our men and women serving on the front lines can go about their missions with the confidence that can only come from the knowledge that while they are deployed, the most dedicated medical team in the world is watching over their loved ones."

American military medicine has a long tradition of public service and altruism, Mr. Wolfowitz said. Research performed by Army Dr. Walter Reed, he said, led to the eradication

of yellow fever that had threatened both troops and civilians.

During World War II, he said, military researchers developed life-saving antibiotics like penicillin, as well as a vaccine against typhus. The U.S. military also first isolated the virus that causes Asian influenza.

Having recently returned from a tour of regions ravaged by the Dec. 26 earthquake and tsunamis, Mr. Wolfowitz attested to the efforts of U.S. military medical people who have been assisting people affected by the disaster.

"The help of U.S. armed forces is greatly appreciated," Mr. Wolfowitz said, and military medical professionals likely saved "tens of thousands of lives" in tsunami-ravaged areas.

Researchers like Navy Cmdrs. Marlene De Maio and Steve Parks and Army Col. Geoffrey Ling, all physicians, assisted in the development of improved body armor used today by American troops, Mr. Wolfowitz said. The new, more effective armor incorporates biomechanics research for the first time and has saved many troops' lives.

And, U.S. medical teams deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq, he said, "have raised battlefield medicine to a level beyond anything" that was imaginable before.

Mr. Wolfowitz acknowledged that even improved body armor could not protect troops against every wartime hazard. Yet, modern battlefield medicine that is practiced in Afghanistan and Iraq teamed with prompt evacuation of the wounded have resulted in "the lowest mortality rate ever seen in modern warfare," he said.

The rate is due in large part to "the whole team of dedicated professionals" who serve in the military's medical-care community, he said.

In the News

TRICARE premium change

There is an increase in the monthly premium this month for people enrolled in the TRICARE Dental Program. Premiums for single active duty dependents are \$9.32 per month and active duty family premiums are \$23.31. Family members of active duty military, as well as reservists and their family members may enroll in the TRICARE Dental Program at any time. For more information, call 6-6628.

MPF closure

The Military Personnel Flight closes for an official function at 3 p.m. today. For more information, call customer service at 6-3280.

Crime buster

The Air Force Office of Special Investigation investigates a wide variety of serious offenses, including espionage, terrorism, computer hacking and other illegal activity undermining the mission of the U.S. Air Force or the Department of Defense. To share information about offenses, call 6-6488.

Storknesting

Labor and delivery services are not available at Incirlik. People who are pregnant or planning to become pregnant can call the 39th Medical Squadron Women's Health Clinic to discuss storknesting at 6-6787.

Fuel price change

The February sale prices reflect the following average changes per gallon by grade: The new Army Air Force Exchange Service prices for normal unleaded is \$2.12 per gallon. The price for super-plus unleaded and the diesel fuel was not affected by the change. The change in price for gas and diesel corresponds to price changes in the United States.

Pets in lodging

There is limited space available in lodging for pets. Dogs and cats are the only animals allowed and reservations are required. An additional \$10 per night pet fee is charged to the room. For more information, call 6-9357.

FCC offers parents more child-care options Photo and article by 1st Lt. S.J.B. Bryant 39th Air Base Wing Public Affaire

It looks like a normal base housing unit and yet ... Enter the house of Senior Airman Phillip Kilpatrick, 39th Maintenance Squadron journeyman, and it has all the elements of a typical family home - educational cartoons on the television, children playing with toys or reading books and someone in the kitchen preparing breakfast. But there is something special about this house and three others at Incirlik.

This house is a Family Child Care home run by Airman Kilpatrick's spouse, Katie. Mrs. Kilpatrick runs one of only four Family Child Care homes on base taking care of children ages 6 weeks to 12 years in a "homey" setting.

"The Family Child Care program is established on Air Force installations to make child care available to military members so that they can more successfully perform their mission secure in the knowledge that their children's safety, health and well-being are protected," said Angela Mirich-Holder, Incirlik Child Development Center director. "Family Child Care also offers an opportunity for family members to contribute to the family income while caring for their own children."

The FCC follows the same stringent health, safety and developmental rules as the CDC and youth center and hires only qualified, trained child-care professionals. However, instead of the facilitystyle setting, the FCC offers a "home-like" atmosphere where some children might feel a little more at ease. Also, the FCC is unlike the CDC and youth center because the program has no set specific hours of operation, said Ms. Mirich-Holder. Most FCC program homes offer evening, weekend, swing and midnight-shift hours to the parents and guardians of Incirlik.

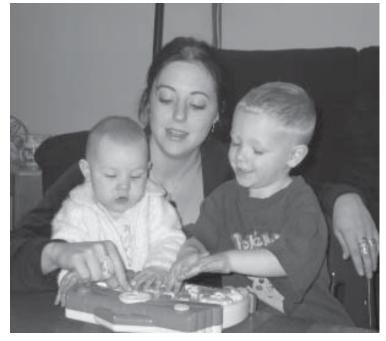
"This is vitally important because the care of children is not a 9 to 5 job but a 24/7 duty," said Vicky Haskins, Family Member Programs Flight Chief. "Not everyone works Monday through Friday for nine hours a day. We have security forces working 12-hour shifts, maintenance personnel working all hours of the night and single and milto-mil parents needing specialized care. So the term 'normal duty hours' does not apply when it comes to child care."

FCC providers must meet the same requirements as any other child-care provider on base. They must be a Department of Defense command-sponsored individual, 18 years old or older, a high school graduate and able to read and write English. Once a provider is licensed, on-going training is provided by training and curriculum specialists and the FCC coordinator. The training does not end there, said Ms. Mirich-Holder. At any time, the licensed provider's home could receive unannounced inspections monthly to ensure they are complying with standards.

The program providers are also responsible for specialty programs like the family support center-sponsored PCS free child care. This means when a military member either arrives at Incirlik or prepares to depart, they can receive up to 20 hours of free child care from a FCC provider within 60 days of their PCS.

"This relieves a lot of stress from the family members as they inprocess or pack out," said Mrs. Kilpatrick. "We also provide child care for people who want to volunteer on base. That way, the community benefits from volunteerism and the volunteer knows their child is well cared for."

"To use the CDC or YC or FCC is simply a choice parents can



Katie Kilpatrick plays with an educational toy with Makenzie Urban, 11 months, and Jase Hudon, 2. Mrs. Kilpatrick is one of four Family Child Care providers on base.

make," said Ms. Mirich-Holder. "Some children thrive in a large group social setting while others do better in a smaller individualized setting or larger group socialization. Parents must make the decision as to what works best for their family and their child. We are happy to be able to provide both options."

One challenge to the FCC system is the competition local national child-care providers pose. Ms. Mirich-Holder admits it is tough to educate parents on why the FCC is more often a higher quality form of child care than using nanny care.

"We have a unique situation here in that local nannies are relatively inexpensive to hire," said Ms. Mirich-Holder. "However, they are not held to any health, safety or developmental standards as our providers.

Also, many people do not understand that children need social interacting with other children. Excellence in Education, a home schooling resource program for parents, noted that unless children have a routine, "out-of-the-home" experience with other children, they will lack social skills needed not only in childhood but in adulthood as well. Therefore, unless the nanny takes the child to a social activity every day (i.e. the park or pool to be around other children), the child is unexposed to social interaction until they begin school, which might put the child at a disadvantage with his or her peers.

There is always room for more qualified providers in the program. Thus, Ms. Mirich-Holder invites any one interested in providing child care in their home to the CDC for a FCC "open house" Feb. 14 from 9 to 11 a.m. At the open house, people can find out how to become a licensed provider and earn additional income while stationed

"It is literally my own business," said Mrs. Kilpatrick, who has been serving the Incirlik community for a year and calls her child-care business Dragons and Butterflies. "I set my own prices and hours but get free training through the Air Force. The best part is being a part of these kids' lives and getting to have fun with them."



Maid, Gardener phrases

Question: Mehmet, I have a maid who does not speak much English. Can you give me some simple Turkish phrases I can use to tell her what I want done around the house?

Response: Maids are part of daily life here at Incirlik often working as baby sitters as well, they become part of the family. Although, most speak and understand English enough to perform their duties, some of them need more instructions. Below are some useful words, phrases and short sentences to better communicate with them.

In Turkish sentence structure, the verb is always at the end of the sentence. The -ma and -me endings, depends on vowel harmony, negates the verb; for instance, bak means 'look', and bakma means 'don't look'. Gel means 'come' and gelme means 'don't come'. The word lutfen, please, just like in English, could be used both, at the beginning or at the end of the sentence.

Other helpful words and phrases are:

Wash - Yika (yeh-kah)

Clean – *Temizle* (Teh-meez-leh)

Dry – Kurula (coo-roo-lah)

Wipe -Sil (Sill)

Sweep – *Supur* (sue-puer)

Cook – Pisir (Pee-sheer)

Change – *Degistir* (Deh-ish-tear)

Open – Ac (Ahch)

Close – *Kapat* (kah-pot)

Room - Oda (o-dah)

Bedroom – *Yatak odasi* (Yah-tock o-dah-sih)

Kitchen – *Mutfak* (moot-faack)

Living room – Oturma odasi (oh-tour-mah oh-dah-sih)

Baby's room- Bebek odasi (bah-back ohdah-sih)

Downstairs – Alt kat (Alt kaath)

Upstairs – *Ust kat* (Uest kaath)

Entrance – Giris (geeh-rish)

Door – *Kapi* (kah-peh)

Window – Pencere (pan-jeh-rah)

Stairs – *Merdiven* (Mehr-dee-van)

Carpet/rug – Hali (hah-leh)

Wall – *Duvar* (doo-vahr)

Launder clothes- Camasir yika (cha-mashur yeh-kah)



Photos by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards

Esteban De Anda, military spouse, discusses morning routines with his maid, Sukran Yikilmaz. Knowing Turkish phrases can help ease the language barrier and ensure maids and gardeners better understand what is being asked of them.

Here are some common to do/ don't phrases Come early tomorrow – Yarin erken gel / gelme

Wash dirty clothes - Kirli camasirlari yika / vikama

Wash baby clothes separately – Bebek camasirlarini ayri yika / yikama Iron the pants and shirts – Pantolonlari ve

gomlekleri utule / utuleme Wash the dishes – Bulasiklari yika / yikama

Use this soap/detergent – Bu sabunu/ deterjani kullan / kullanma

Dry the dishes – Bulasiklari kurula / kurulama

Clean the top of the refrigerator-



Master Sqt. Mark Morris, 39th Mission Support Group geographically separated unit support superintendent, describes to his gardener, Tekin Sarigul, how he would like his yard kept.

Buzdolabinin ustunu temizle / temizleme Use a sponge – Sunger kullan / kullanma Clean kitchen closets – Mutfak dolaplarini temizle / temizleme

Clean the oven – *Firini temizle / temizleme* Tidy up the drawers – *Cekmeceleri duzenle* / duzenleme

Put everything away – Herseyi yerine koy /

Sweep the floor– *Yerleri supur / supurme* Use vacuum cleaner – Elektrik supurgesini kullan / kullanma

Scrub the sink- Lavaboyu ov / ovma Shake the rugs – *Halilari silkele / silkeleme* Mop the floor – *Yerleri paspasla* (yehr-lehree pahs-pahs-lah)

Make the beds - Yataklari duzelt (yahttuck-lah-reh due-zelth)

Empty the garbage - Copleri bosalt (coepleh-ree boh-shuhlt)

Clean the windows – Pencereleri temizle (pan-jeh-reh-leah-ree teah-meez-leh) Close the windows - Pencereleri kapat

(pan-jeh-reh-leah-ree kah-pot)

Cook Turkish food – Turk yemegi pisir (Turk yeah-mea-ee pih-sheer)

Istiyorum (ees-tea-yoh-roum), means 'I want' and is a very useful word. Name or show whatever you want first, then say istiyorum. If you don't want, then say Istemiyorum (ees-teah-me-yoh-roum). Biliyorum (bee-lee-yoh-roum) means 'I know' and bilmiyorum (bill-me-yoh-roum) 'I don't know' are also very useful words to know.

Do you have a question about something Turkish? Ask Mehmet. To submit a question, call 6-6060 or e-mail mehmet.birbiri@ incirlik.af.mil.

General Order 1A

Applies to CENTCOM AOR, applicable at Incirlik

General Order 1A addresses the health concerns of rabies in the Central Command area of responsibility. This order provides guidance to deployed military members regarding the avoidance of a potential health risk, which is pertinent information from Incirlik Airmen who may deploy to the CENTCOM AOR, but the lessons learned benefit a broader audience.

"Especially here, the message is the same for petting and playing with any of the million cats in the area," said Maj. Susan Airola-Skully, 39th Mission Support Squadron commander. "If you want to adopt one, get it checked out by the vet first and early – be safe out there."

According to the narrative of a message from Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Russell Kilpatrick, Air Combat Command headquarters command surgeon, "A recent event in the AOR underscores the importance of an oft-ignored section of General Order 1A, under Prohibited Activities: 'Adopting as pets or mascots, caring for, or feeding any type or domestic or wild animal.'

"Briefly, a group of U.S. civilian contract employees working for the Army at Base X adopted a stray dog as a pet. Jan. 19, the dog bit one of them, but the victim didn't tell anyone. Jan. 22, the dog had bitten 14 individuals.

"The dog was placed in quarantine Jan. 22, and died the next day. The local Army veterinarian submitted the head to the military lab in Germany for rabies testing. Rabies post-exposure prophylaxis (treatment) was initiated on the 14 exposed contractors Jan. 23. Jan. 25, test results indicated the dog was positive for rabies; the treatment group grew to include other exposed individuals. The group now includes 32 people, is expected to grow further and may reach 50 or

"The up side: Post-exposure prophylaxis is 100 percent effective at preventing rabies if administered in time (as it was in this situation). There are no Airmen in the exposed and treatment group.

"The down side: So far, 32 people are undergoing post-exposure prophylaxis (~10 ml rabies immune globulin, half injected in and around the bite wound, the other half in the arm plus five shots of human rabies vaccine over a 28-day period), at a direct cost of \$550 each (\$18,000 total). Beyond dollars, this scenario is costing manhours, tying up resources and detracting from mission focus. As well, any exposed individual who, for whatever reason, does not self-identify and receive treatment is at very high risk; once rabies symptoms develop, death is the typical outcome.

"Rabies exists throughout the AOR, (and results in) hundreds of rabies deaths among the local national population every year. Animal rabies immunization programs are essentially non-existent. While the AOR threat is primarily from dogs, cats are also a ready source of infection. However, it is important to note that any mammal can transmit rabies, infected animals won't necessarily act 'rabid,' and transmission does not require being bitten (e.g., scratch, mucous membrane exposure).

"Unfortunately, this does not represent an isolated incident. News stories featuring the 'unit mascot' are not infrequent; neither are AOR medical visits for 'animal bites' (130 at Air Force treatment facilities since January 2002), often from an 'adopted' stray. Com-



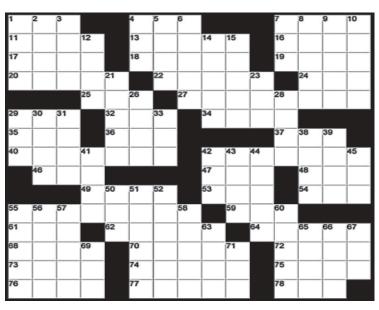
Photo by Tech. Sgt. Charlein Sheets

Tech. Sgt. Lillian Allshouse, 39th Mission Support Squadron personnel systems management NCO in charge and former volunteer at the temporarily closed Incirlik stray animal facility, plays with Star, a cat who was available for adoption at the facility. Although the stray animal facility is temporarily closed, the process of providing health screenings for stray animals is still one the Incirlik community is strongly advised to subscribe to if considering an animal for adoption. To schedule a health screening for an adopted stray, call the veterinarian clinic at 6-3119.

manders and Airmen need to appreciate the serious threat pets and mascots in the AOR pose to lives and mission, and the importance of obeying and enforcing the rules. Bottom line: This situation was entirely preventable, had these individuals complied with General Order 1A."

To make an appointment for a thorough checkup of an adopted stray, call the veterinarian clinic at 6-3119. To report stray animals, call the 39th Civil Engineer Squadron Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 6-7008. To report stray animals after regular duty hours, call the law enforcement desk at 6-3200. (Courtesy Air Combat Command headquarters staff directors information)

Black History Month



By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman Alaskan Command Public Affairs

- 1. Child's game
- 4 Perform
- 7. Hand part
- 11. British river
- 13. Solomon's wife
- 16. Away from the wind

- 17. Singer McEntire
- 18. Grev mustard
- 19. First African-American U.S. Poet Laureate
- 20. Cube
- 22. Writer a.a
- 24. Smack
- 25. Questionable pause?
- 27. African-American abolitionist, author
- 32. Traitor

- _ gin fizz
- 35. Hotel
- 36. In the manner of
- 37. Formerly
- 40. African-American poet Maya
- 42. 3X African-American gold medalist Wilma
- 46. Hearing aid?
- 47. Bullring cheer
- 48. Confederate general
- 49. First African-American Wimbledon winner
- 53. Compass point
- 54. USAF deployment cycle
- 55. First African-American Supreme Court jus-
- 59. Commotion
- 61. Pub order
- 62. Bombeck and others
- 64. Expiration
- 68. African-American civil rights activist
- 70. More ready, as in fruit
- 72. Sultan 73. __! _ mouse!
- 74. Actress Dunne
- 75. Invalid
- 76. Observes
- 77. Briny
- 78. 4 DOWN sound

DOWN

- 1. Plastic cover
- 2. Declare 3. Asian desert
- 4. Viper
- 5. Pal
- 6. Lukewarm
- 7. Bachelor's place 8. Hawaiian greeting
- 9. Jean maker
- 10. Greets
- 12. ___ Bridges

- 14 Knives
- 15. Cancel
- 21. Painting
- 23. Self 26. Angel's head gear
- 28. Talk show host
- 29. Military status, sometimes
- 30. Famous Frank
- 31. Fox Sport reporter Hammond
- 33. 19th letter of the Greek alphabet 38. African-American jazz singer Fitzgerald
- 39. Fencing sword
- 41. Periods
- 42. Director Howard
- 43. Arm bone
- 44. Titles
- 45. Playboy founder, informally
- 50. Female identifier?
- First woman African-American ambassador
- 52. Mark Twain's NY burial spot
- 55. Creates
- 56. Similar
- 57. Actress Zellweger
- 58. Coat part
- 60. 1936 African-American 4X gold medalist
- 63. Emitted
- 65. Flightless birds
- 66. Hurts 67. MTV show
- 69. Fuel
- 71. Marina del _

The solution for this crossword puzzle will be published in the Feb. 11 edition of the Tip of Sword. Crossword puzzles are published in the first Tip of the Sword edition of every month. For more information, call 6-6060 or e-mail the Tip of the Sword staff at tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil.

THE INCIRLIK

GUIDE

Valentines Day greetings

The *Tip of the Sword* provides people the chance to say "I love you" in print in the Feb. 14 edition. To submit a greeting of 25 words or less, e-mail tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil no later than 4 p.m. today . Messages will run on a firstcome, first-served basis and may be edited. "To" and "from" names are required. Any submissions in poor taste will not be printed. For more information call Public Affairs at 6-6060.

NAAH Month events

There are several activities planned for National African American History Month: Feb. 12 - Three-on-three basketball tournament at the fitness center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; **Feb. 14** – Soul food sampler at the Crossroads Café from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; **Feb. 26** – NAAH Month Extravaganza from 6 to 10 p.m. at the club. For more information call Master Sgt. Curtis Palmer at 6-3131.



Yard sale: The Incirlik Neighborhood Girl Scouts is sponsoring a yard sale fundraiser at the Girl Scout Hut, Building 999 (the

same building as the thrift shop), Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.

Yard sale: A multi-family yard sale is Saturday at 3815 B Hickory from 8 a.m. to noon. Tons of boys and girls baby clothes, children's toys and household items will be available.

For sale: 1994 Honda Civic hatchback, three door, air conditioning, red, low mileage, one owner car. The car has U.S. specs. Selling for \$3,975 or best offer. Call Julie at 0-555-202-5140 for more information.

For sale: 1987 Honda Accord. Runs great! Must sell for \$1,500 or best offer. Also for sale is a very nice Eternity archery target for \$35. Call 6-2122 for more information.

Volunteers needed: Youth Sports Advisory Committee members are needed to set up quarterly meetings, league by-laws, policies and surveys. For more information, call the youth

center at 6-3246 or 6-6670 for details.

Volunteers needed: are needed for the Overseas Committee Chair position for Girl Scout Year 2005-2006. There is training available for the position. For more information call April Rogers at 6-6321 or 6-5748.

Positions available: Job seekers should contact the job hotline for employment opportunities at Incirlik by calling 6-6677 or stop by the Civilian Personnel Office (Building 833) or the family support center.

Positions available: The community center needs instructors for all types of dance and cooking classes. Call Nerissa Atkisson at 6-1032 for details.

Positions available: If you are a good student, aged 16 to 23, you may qualify for a student hire position with the Defense Commissary Agency, Europe at the Incirlik Commissary. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and family members of active-duty military or federal civil service workers in Europe on official orders. Go to www.chrma.hqusareur.army.mil and click employment, U.S. appropriated funds, announcements in Europe and enter "family member" in the key word search. Look for Family Youth Part Time Employment Program.



Tuner' up

Combat Care: Incirlik's Combat Care program helps families where the rubber meets the road. As part of Combat Care, a U.S. Air Forces in Europe initiative, the family support center provides vouchers for free minor car maintenance. Vouchers are available for the families of deployed servicemembers. For more information call the FSC at 6-6755.

Auto Skills Center: The auto skills center is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and provides a variety of automotive needs like the changing of an alternator Tony DeMarco (right), auto skills manager, helps Seyfi Uslularm, auto skills mechanic, perform on a customers car (pictured at left). The auto skills center also offers key duplication and towing services. February's monthly special is a free suspension check with the

paid service of balancing all four wheels. Prices for balancing are \$7 per wheel. For more information, call 6-6655.

Combat, Special Interest Program

Combat education

The Central Texas College area director, Julia Sibilla, visits Incirlik Monday and Tuesday. She will be available to discuss degree plans and current and future classes. She will also be on the American Forces Network-Incirlik morning radio show Tuesday. To make an appointment or for more information, call the CTC office at 6-8399.

Crossroads Café

Today: The Liturgical service sponsors food and fellowship at the Crossroads Café from 7 to 11 p.m. It is open to everyone ages 18 and older. **Saturday**: The Gospel service sponsors food and fellowship at the Crossroads Café from 6 to 10 p.m. For more information, call Senior Airman Tianna Milagro at 6-6441.

Combat Touch happenings

Officers' Christian Fellowship meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the Low Places Lounge at the club. All officers and their spouses are invited to this fellowship. For more information, call 2nd Lt. James Bridghamat at 6-1168.

A **Craft-a-thon** and a **Scrap-a-thon** are being sponsored by the Protestant Women of the Chapel today from 6 p.m. to midnight and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the chapel annex. For more information call Jen Smith at 6-6441. A **Chapel-sponsored pilgrimage** to Cappadocia is planned. For more information, call 6-6441.



AT THE OASIS

Today

7 p.m. – National Treasure (PG) – Starring Nicolas Cage and Justin Bartha. Gates is an archeologist who is from the eighth generation of a family who've shared a unusual quest. With no firm proof that the hidden fortune passed down through the Gates Family legend, Gates sets out to crack the code. (125 minutes)

9 p.m. – Seed of Chucky (R) – Starring Jennifer Tilly and Hannah Spearitt. Glen is the orphan doll offspring of the irrepressible devilish-doll-come-to-life Chucky and his equally twisted bride Tiffany. When production starts on the movie detailing the urban legend of his parents' lethal exploits, Glen heads for Hollywood. (87 minutes)

Saturday

5 p.m. - Spongebob Squarepants Movie

(PG) – Animated. In the depths of Bikini Bottom: King Neptune's crown has been stolen, and the prime suspect is Mr.



Krabs, proprietor of Mr. Krabs Krabby Patties. Despite evidence to the contrary, SpongeBob teams up with his best friend, Patrick, on a mission to Shell City, where he hopes he can exonerate Mr. Krabs. (88 minutes)

7 p.m. – Ocean's Twelve (PG-13)(1st Run) – Starring George Clooney and Brad Pitt. Danny Ocean and his crew, having successfully stolen \$150 million from Las Vegas casinos in the first film, jet to Europe with

three new heists planned, including swiping Rembrandt's Nightwatch from a gallery in Amsterdam. (130 minutes)



Sunday

7 p.m. – Ocean's Twelve (PG-13)(1st Run) – Starring George Clooney and Brad Pitt. (130 minutes)

Thursday

7 p.m. – Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason (R) – Starring Renée Zellweger and Colin Firth. Six weeks after the events in Bridget Jones's Diary, London singleton Bridget Jones is still happily dating human-rights lawyer Mark Darcy. But eventually she starts to notice his flaws and begins wondering if he is not interested in someone else. Bridget's love life is further complicated when her former boss and flame Daniel Cleaver arrives on the scene. (108 minutes)

AT THE M1

Lemony Snickets: A Series of Unfortunate Events (PG) — 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:15 p.m., and 11:30 p.m. (110 minutes)

Shall We Dance (PG-13) — Noon, 2:15 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:15 p.m. and 11:45 p.m. (122 minutes)

Movie listings are subject to changes. On-base listings are courtesy of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Web site at http://www.aafes.com/ems/euro/incirlik.htm; M-1 listings are courtesy of the Tempe Cinemaxx Web site at www.tepecinemaxx.com.tr. For more Oasis information and updates, call the movie recording at 6-6986 or the theater office at 6-9140.